## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 15, replace paragraph [0042] with the following:

[0042] An embodiment of the present invention is a human growth hormone-PEG conjugate having the structure of Formula I or Formula II

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{mPEG} \longrightarrow \text{O} \longrightarrow \text{C} \longrightarrow \text{NH} \\ \longrightarrow \text{CH}_2 \\ \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{C} \\ \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{C} \\ \longrightarrow \text{CH}_2 \\ \longrightarrow \text{CH}_2$$

Formula I

or

$$\mathsf{mPEG} \textcolor{red}{\longleftarrow} \mathsf{O}(\mathsf{CH_2CH_2O})_\mathsf{n}(\mathsf{CH_2})_\mathsf{m}\mathsf{CH_2} \textcolor{red}{\longleftarrow} \mathsf{NH} \textcolor{red}{\longleftarrow} \mathsf{R}$$

Formula II

wherein

n is an integer between 1 and 10;

m is an integer between 1 and 10;

R is human growth hormone, methionyl growth hormone or a human growth hormone variant.

On page 16, replace paragraph [0043] with the following:

[0043] A Specific embodiment is a human growth hormone-PEG conjugate having the structure:

or

wherein R is human growth hormone, methionyl human growth hormone or a human growth hormone variant.